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Members of the OPP's Underwater Search and Rescue Unit prepare for the task of searching for the body of 39 year-old snowmobiler Gerry Kennedy of Burlington, who perished in the icy water of Gull Lake Friday morning. A second snowmobiler Shawn Mathewson of Hamilton managed to escape when both men and their machines went through the ice near the south end of the lake.

Icy Gull Lake claims one, second escapes

Divers from the Ontario Provincial Police Underwater Search and Rescue Unit were called to the southern end of Gull Lake Saturday morning in an attempt to recover the body of 39 year-old Gerry Kennedy of Burlington who died in a snowmobile mishap early Friday morning.

According to the police, the victim and his companion Shawn Mathewson, 40, of Burlington, went through the ice in the narrows above Moore Falls.

"We got turned around in the blowing snow," Mathewson said in an interview with *The Times* Saturday. "We lost our bearings. It was windy and snow was blowing," the Gull Lake cottager said.

Mathewson said he isn't exactly sure how he got out of the water and onto solid ice. "I don't remember much of it," he commented. His hands were cut and bruised, evidently from the struggle to save himself.

Once out of the water, the drenched snowmobiler walked about a half a mile before he found a cottage he could access. He entered the cottage, but discovered it did not have a phone. He put on dry clothes before walking to another cottage where he was able to notify the police of the incident.

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The fight to save Dorset Elementary School

Once again the small school in Dorset is a candidate for closure and once again the community is rallying to the support of this institution. For the residents, the school is a vital part of their community, and they have mounted a tenacious campaign to keep it open. *Times* reporter Matthew Sitler talked with the school's supporters to discover why Haliburton County's smallest school is so important to them.

by Matthew Sitler

Dorset residents fighting for the future of the community's school are wondering if their concerns have fallen on deaf ears this winter.

After five public meetings, the possible closure of Dorset Elementary School seems closer to becoming a reality, says one Dorset School Review Committee member who remains skeptical of not only the closure process but the intentions of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

"Personally, I think we will win the battle, but lose the war," is how parent representative Lori Parniak describes

the ongoing meetings and their progress. "We will probably be able to make a recommendation at this level that the school should be kept open, but when we get down to Lindsay where all the trustees will vote, we will probably be sunk." Parniak reports that apart from applying public pressure to politicians, the committee's hands are tied when it comes to saving Dorset's only elementary school. The ability to influence the Board of Education has been removed from local politics, she continues, "The only thing that could remediate the situation right now is if the Province came through with additional funding," she sighs.

Last week, the Sherborne, Stanhope council endorsed a resolution supporting the community efforts to keep the elementary school open. Parniak was thankful for that letter. "The words help, but it's more moral support than anything," she said. "Because education funding is now pooled centrally through the province, they (the municipal council) have a smaller voice. Whereas, the last time we went through this in 1996, it meant a lot more."

Coming on the heels of the five meetings which have dealt with the school's possible closure, Parniak's comments are indicative of how the residents of Dorset feel snubbed about the issue - despite the growing amount of public interest in keeping the school open. "We are a small town, but we are a quite involved town - we are overwhelmed with the public support we have received at the public meetings," she confirmed.

Trillium Lakelands School Board is keeping a low profile on the issue at the moment, she added. "The only thing we have to rely on right now is what Superintendent Paul Dorion is telling us, and he is walking a fine line - guiding us through the process."

There are fears within the tight-knit community that the committee was just a public-relations exercise right from the start - that its efforts will not sway set-in-stone backroom directions. "If they know they are not going to get additional funding until they reach a situation where they reach capacity across the entire Trillium Board, then yes, they have no choice," concedes Parniak. "But we will go down to Lindsay and make presentations to make sure they hear it from our standpoint. There has to be a better way than just closing it down because once it's gone - it's gone."

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Bomb threat clears Wilberforce school

A warning concerning a bomb at Wilberforce Elementary School proved to be groundless last Thursday.

On February 22 at 12:48 p.m., the OPP responded to a bomb threat at Wilberforce Elementary School. The school advised that it had received a telephone call from a male, stating there was a bomb in the school.

The students and staff were removed safely to the nearby Wilberforce Community Centre. The Monmouth Fire Department, members of the OPP and the Central Region Canine Unit were called to the scene.

A thorough search of the school and portables was conducted. No explosives were found. The investigation into the origin of the phone call is continuing.



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Blood donations by appointment

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Minden Hills council chambers suffering from 'that sinking feeling'

by Jerry Grozelle

The new council of Minden Hills has that sinking feeling. It's not from something unpleasant that council has to deal with — it's more of a structural nature.

Bernard Finney, the architect hired to draft plans for the expansion and renovations to the Minden Hills municipal office, (the former Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal office) pointed out that the council chambers/court building is settling along the front and will continue to sink.

"The original building is built on 60-foot pilings, but the new structure wasn't," he said. Finney pointed out candidly that the entire substrata on which the municipal office and court building is constructed is "loon shit."

Any new structure which is attached to the old municipal office building can be expected to settle or sink a certain amount. He proposed a method of construction which would minimize the settling to an estimated half to three-quarters of an inch over the first year and then remain stable without further sinking. To accomplish this on such an unstable base, he proposes to keep the weight of the structure as light as

possible by using light weight building materials and furnishings and restricting storage of files.

Finney advised against putting pilings under the addition, since the vibrations from the installation would accelerate the sinking of the council/court chambers. That addition has settled about two inches since the building was constructed in 1994. Installation of pilings could also have an adverse affect on nearby residences. "You have to be very careful driving piles in this kind of ground," Finney cautioned.

Finney said he could raise the floor of the council chambers by injecting foam under the concrete and added that there are ways to stabilize the structure to minimize the sinking, all of which are extremely expensive. He suggested council should seek redress from the engineer who designed the building.

In spite of the problems, Finney said he can have the architectural design complete and ready for tender within three weeks of when council decides what it wants to do. He will revisit his calculations and provide costing for the option of renovating the old structure, without building an addition.

There was renewed discussion regarding the use of the former Lutterworth municipal office facility,

which has a climate controlled section devoted exclusively to storage of files. Council is also considering renovations to the existing building, without constructing a new section. This may be a viable option if the Lutterworth office is utilized.

The cost to renovate the current structure would be considerably less than the expense of an addition. Finney stressed that the cost of reinforcing the upstairs section of the old building to withstand the weight of all the municipality's files would be prohibitive.

Finney was originally asked to produce a design for a 1,600 square foot addition with six offices.

Councillor Peter Oyler suggested a consultant be hired to do a cost/benefit analysis so the elected officials will know the pros and cons of all the options. "I think it would be money well spent," he said. Council members were in agreement with Oyler's suggestion.

On the positive side, the municipality has already received funding for 80 per cent of the cost of the proposed budget for renovation and construction of an addition. The provincial funding of \$400,000 is already in the bank.

Arson charge laid

An Orillia man has been charged with arson following a fire in the Dorset area in October.

The Dorset Fire Department asked the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate a cottage fire which took place on October 1.

The cottage, which was located on Otter Lake Road in McClintock Township, was destroyed by the blaze. Officers including members of the Central Region Crime Unit began the investigation into what was identified as a suspicious fire.

After an investigation, Stephan Niskanen of Orillia, who had been staying in the cottage and was

in the process of being evicted, was arrested on February 15. He was charged with arson and held in custody for a bail hearing, which took place February 19, at which time he was released. He will appear in Minden Court April 4. The investigation continues.

Break and enter

The OPP investigated a break and enter on Birch Narrows Road in Haliburton. The investigation revealed that the rear door of a home had been forced open, and a television set had been removed. The incident was investigated February 16.

Break and enter in Dorset

The OPP responded to a break and enter to a residence on Main street in Dorset. The February 17 investigation revealed that a quantity of household items had been removed from an unoccupied cabin.

Kawartha Lakes name change

The Victoria County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has a new name. In response to Inspector Buxton's recommendation for a name change for the Victoria County Detachment, which was forwarded to OPP Headquarters, the City of Kawartha Lakes Detachment name has formally been approved by the OPP Commissioner.

The name change comes after City Council's decision to confirm the City of Kawartha Lakes name. According to a spokesman, all the members of the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment are proud of the new identity and look forward to continuing to serve the new municipality.

Decision on stand-by location deferred

by Matthew Sitrler

County Council will study statistics before making a decision on the move to relocate the stand-by location for ambulances.

The council was responding to a decision announced earlier this month by Emergency Services Manager Bob English to change stand-by location from the Hydro station at Allsaw Flats to the Haliburton Ambulance garage. The move will be deferred until statistics can be scrutinized, says Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.

The manager's report was presented to County Council Thursday along with a request for additional hours on Sundays for County ambulance service. The council agreed to the request. This means two ambulance crews will be on duty at the Haliburton station until midnight on Sundays. Previously the second crew had been there only until 4 p.m.

"That one is a no-brainer," commented Rigney. "It is important to have that level of service: no question." The Reeve pointed out that the busiest time on area roads is the weekends. "Now we will have the kind of ambulance coverage that we need," he said. "It is effective immediately."

County Council will likely address the stand-by ambulance issue at its next meeting, he said. "I'll take a look at the numbers. It will be discussed at the next meeting."

One dead in Gull Lake mishap

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"It was terrible, I feel terrible," Mathewson commented about the 39 year-old companion who died in the incident.

The police report said the accident occurred at about 5 a.m. with the emergency call being received an hour later. Fire departments from Minden Hills and the Norland station of Kawartha Lakes were called to the scene to assist the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police in the investigation. Police say the consumption of alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.



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Student discovers Andre Lapine

Uncovering Minden's hidden art history

by Matthew Sitrler

A bioregionalism student from Trent University has undertaken an extensive study of one of Minden's most enduring historical figures.

Painter Andre Lapine, who lived a good portion of his adult life in and around the town of Minden, has returned to life in an exciting way for student Dan Lockhart. His report coincides with the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's bid for superbuild funding to enable its extensive Lapine collection to be put on permanent public display.

"Canadian art history is a bit of an unstudied field," comments Dan. "Once I began getting involved in studying Lapine, I started branching out into the Canadian art history field. I really appreciate his work." There are upwards of nine Lapine paintings in area homes and collections outside of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery collection, he reports.

The project is a university research assignment facilitated by the U-Links office located at the local Minden municipal building. "I've done more of a small biography," he explains. "Lapine is somewhat unknown now, but he was really well-known during his lifetime."

Born in Latvia around 1868, Painter Andre Lapine travelled to London and Paris during the early years of his life. He met his wife in Amsterdam and travelled mostly by foot, selling his paintings for income, says Lockhart. "They married there, where he worked for the Academy of Arts until the couple emigrated to Manitoba in 1905." After a disastrous attempt at farming there, the artist and his wife moved to Toronto.

Lapine is an artist renowned for his paintings of equestrian subject matter. "He is one of the best painters of horses in the world," says Lockhart. "A lot of the works they have at the gallery are horse subject matter. The bigger the horse - the more valuable the painting."

Lapine's watercolors, which he exhibited in London, England and Chicago, won the artist numerous

awards also. "When Lapine arrived here, Minden was a sort of logging community. What works the Agnes Jamieson Gallery has are directly linked to Frank Welch the former Minden undertaker," says the student.

Lapine paid his rent at Welch's home with paintings. This extensive collection was later donated to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery after Welch's death.

"In the 1930's, Lapine was almost killed in a car accident while walking across Bloor Street," says Lockhart. "His wife was sick as well, but he miraculously survived this accident which had caused head trauma, and a broken pelvis."

Many of the local artists within the Toronto Art Community pulled together at the time to help pay for his surgery and medical expenses.

"As a way of convalescing, Lapine came to stay at the Hamilton Farm, which is located on the highway heading towards Kinmount," he says. "A lot of his paintings are of that property."

Beginning his career as a portrait artist, Lockhart says one of Andre Lapine's murals now hangs in McLaughlin Art Gallery in Oshawa. "He also painted the ceiling of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto," says Dan. The National Art Gallery in Ottawa has one of his works and the Ontario Gallery

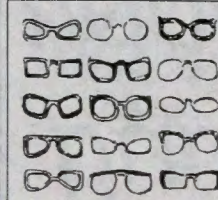
of Art has two. "He was a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Painters, which is the big one in Canada," he says.

Dan Lockhart thinks his study has shown how important Andre Lapine was to Canadian art - all the while placing the artist within the context of Minden and Haliburton. It also gives the Agnes Jamieson Gallery more material to work with. Much of Lockhart's labor is to be compiled on CD for the gallery to use in its promotion.

"He'd walk around people's back yards just sketching and painting," laughs Dan. "It must have been odd to see at the time, what with Minden having been such a big logging area."



Trent University Bioregionalism student Dan Lockhart uncovers some of Minden's art history. The student, in cooperation with U-Links, has studied the life of painter Andre Lapine.



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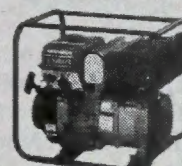
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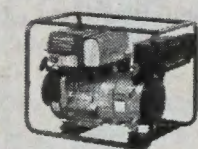
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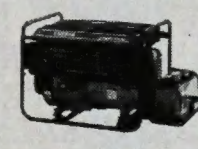
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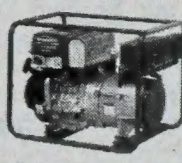
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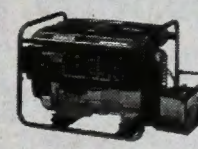
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The community fights to save its school

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The Committee member Parniak says more positive options are being weighed that could very well be included in the committee's final recommendation to the Trillium Board. "We are looking closely at the funding numbers they have given us - the savings won't amount to a lot if the school closes - so if it's a money issue, that would really be a drop in the bucket," she said. Parniak added it was "really, really tough" to put up a fight of this magnitude while trying to get things going at the same time.

Offering options

One of the committee's suggestions would be to run the school on a co-operative basis as a combination daycare/elementary school. "...and share the costs with the board. If it revolves around money issues we would be alleviating those pressures from them. We would also be keeping our numbers up by keeping the kids in the building," she points out. "My biggest fear is that our elementary school would shut down and become another white elephant in town."

The Northern Mines and Development building at the top of Dorset's Main Street is one case in point. The Ontario Realty Corporation has not maintained the structure. "This town is involved with the 'Communities in Bloom' gardening competition annually," Parniak told *The Times*. "This year, we literally had to scream at them to come and cut the grass which was growing waist-high. They are a nightmare of a bureaucracy. The same thing will happen to our school - I'm almost certain of it."

The board's reasons for closing Dorset Elementary are three-fold. Before it receives money from the Province, it must demonstrate the schools are at capacity or that they are making attempts to be at capacity. "The second is cost and the third is the ability to deliver its curriculum," adds Parniak.

That as late as last year the Board was moving in the opposite direction in terms of allowing student enrolment at Dorset to dwindle was a contributing factor to its immediate problems in facing closure. She claims several of students at Dorset Elementary was allowed to leave and attend Irwin Elementary (the school in Dwight, where children will likely be sent by bus if the Dorset school closes) last year. A public meeting was held to deal with these transfers.

"As far as I'm concerned, Dale Robinson (the board superintendent) did everything that was possible to shut us down at that point," said the parent representative. "I lay a lot of it on his shoulders. He asked a teacher, who was going to be handling a multi-grade class and who had not been informed about how many students she would have, or the next level of curriculum which was being introduced - he asked her point-blank at this meeting 'How was she going to handle it?'"

Parniak reported that panicking parents took the

facts which are presented - not any backroom politics."

The committee feels it has already shot holes in the board's funding reason for closing the school, by pointing out that the cost of running a bus to Irwin Elementary from Dorset would be costly as well, she adds. Timing is also a factor here. "We would be looking at between an hour and two hour's drive for the kids, one way, to Irwin," she says.

Listening carefully

Dorset Elementary Principal Kevin Cutler says the committee has followed the process as set down by the board. At its last meeting, Cutler reports there were several excellent presentations from parents and community members about the school. "The Superintendent and the trustees listened very carefully to what they had to say - a lot of which will be included in our committee report." The committee's job, he said, is to discuss the issue, listen to community input, collect a certain amount of data and make a recommendation to the board. "I think we will be ready to do that - or will be starting that process on Monday (February 26)," he said.

With 27 students enrolled at Dorset Elementary at the time of this writing - the committee's direction must be a strong one. "I hear points of view from both sides," says Cutler. "Obviously, my first concern is for the students - I talk to the parents and the school board quite a bit and I see myself mostly as a resource. If there is information people need from me, I am there to provide it." Regardless of how he feels, the board will ultimately have to make the decision.

"If the school is to stay open, there are things that I feel strongly about that need to be in place for the kids in order for their education to be taken care of here," he says. "For instance, I would like to see to it that staffing is still at a reasonable level." There are two and a half teachers at Dorset Elementary presently. Cutler divides his time between there and Irwin Elementary acting as Principal for both schools. "The reality of the way funding formulas operate and the way schools are staffed - with the number of students we have, it may be difficult to maintain that level of staffing," he adds. "Trying to

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Dorset Elementary Junior Kindergarten to Grade Six Teacher, Mrs. Cunningham, counsels a student in class.

teacher's answer, "I don't know", as a signal to remove their children. "There were 13 who left that year," she states. "A couple of cases were valid - but the little 'convenience cases' are what's going to kill us. The Board didn't have the backbone to fight against it."

For the last 15 years, Dorset Elementary School has been a candidate for closure. "If it's going to go to a vote among the trustees the best we can hope for is that they will listen from a clean point of view," concludes Parniak. "I would like to think they have the freedom to vote with their conscience and from

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The rules have changed

Editorial

The fight is not new for the residents of Dorset and area. This is the third time in recent memory that the future of the community's school has been questioned.

On the last two occasions, the closure of the school was averted. A combination of reasons likely stayed the closure in the past: the school board represented just the residents of Haliburton County and was therefore more susceptible to political pressure; the school board could influence its funding by setting a tax rate which met its needs; and the board covered a smaller, more homogenous area giving it a more sympathetic perspective to the needs and wants of the people it served.

Much has changed since then. Haliburton County is now represented by a single trustee in a greatly expanded board that includes areas with much larger populations. No matter how solid their case, it will be difficult for the Dorset group to convince a trustee from Lindsay

or Bracebridge that this case has merit, particularly when that trustee is unlikely to have to face the wrath of those who will be affected by the school's closure. With the expanded board the special needs of one small area can easily become lost in the effort to achieve what is best for the greatest number of students. And finally, the board can no longer increase its income by adjusting the taxes. The provincial government has taken control of the purse strings as well as implementing tight standards and restrictions on how the education system is to be operated. The board, as much as it is an elected body, has little real power to represent the interests of its constituents. The chain of command leads directly to Queen's Park.

While some may believe that the future of a local school is a matter for the board to make, in fact the rules under which the boards operate have been crafted in such a way as to make it all

but impossible for it to do anything but close the school.

While we can sympathize with the position the Dorset residents have put forward, the playing field on which this game takes place has been changed dramatically since the last time. The one glimmer of hope in their arguments is the suggestion that some sort of co-operative venture be created between the community and the school board. Having someone else share the financial burden might just be enough to persuade those trustees without a direct interest in the process, to take another look at extending the life of the Dorset School.

However, as the situation now stands, the future of small schools like Dorset, does not seem bright. For the communities in question, the students and the unique educational experience the teachers in those facilities can provide, that is truly unfortunate.

jb

You meet the friendliest people in Minden

Editor:

We recently purchased a cottage in Minden.

Our first winter visit we were confronted with slippery roads, unknown to us, and we became stranded. Coming from the City we were uncertain to what the people of Minden were like.

I must commend the people of Minden. This town definitely has heart. We were fortunate to have our neighbors on Tennyson Road help us out.

Strangers we were, and they came to our aid, pulling our vehicle up a steep hill. The second visit, we thought we were better prepared for the winter roads. This time renting a 4X4 vehicle. Once again, the winter snow, overwhelmed us. We were again stuck, two children in tow and cold, trying to dig our way into our cottage.

To our relief, a young man on a

snowmobile came to our assistance. This young man, put his leisure time aside, went home and came to our aid

BIA clarification

Editor:

Re: Haliburton BIA President frustrated (February 19).

I would just like to clarify a statement in the above noted article. The article stated that Councillor Nancy Roberts did not attend the Annual General Meeting. Although attendance has been a problem in the past, she did in fact attend the AGM.

Thank you for allowing me to set the record straight.

Jim Henwood,
President, Haliburton Business
Improvement Area.

with a snow plow. He dug a parking place for us and then 3 other young men, ranging from 10 to 15 years of age, helped carry our groceries and necessities through snow to our cottage. The young population of Minden must certainly be commended for their voluntary assistance and their act of kindness. We offered them a small monetary gift for their help, and only with persistence would they accept this.

We have only met friendly pleasant people in this town of Minden. Thank you. We especially thank our new neighbors, on Tennyson Road, Bob Lake. We thank you sincerely and appreciate your friendly demeanor. A special thanks to the four young men, who took the time to help strangers.

In today's unfriendly world, Minden is the place to be.

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Deep snow and cold temperatures make it difficult for deer to travel to their traditional food sources. These two whitetails, caught on film along Buckslide Road Friday, are coping with the winter conditions with some human assistance. The Ministry of Natural Resources has determined that conditions are severe enough to warrant feeding. The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has started a feeding program at several yarding areas throughout Haliburton County. For information on how deer react to these conditions and what is being done to help ensure their survival, see the article starting on page 20.

Photo by Jerry Grozelle

Arthur Black

An ode to cream, curds and cheese

Americans are good at inventing heroes that weren't, like Paul Bunyan and Abner Doubleday. (Canadians) cancel heroes that really were.

Axel Harvey

I'm not sure that I entirely agree with Mister Harvey. Seems to me Canada has an inordinate share of heroes, from Billy Bishop to Mary Pickford: from Roberta Bondar to Terry Fox.

We have our literary heroes (Margarets Atwood and Laurence); our musical heroes (Joni Mitchell, Neil Young). We have painter heroes and sculptor heroes; dance heroes and sports heroes.

I'd like to add a new name to the pantheon of Canadian superstardom. Ladies and gentlemen may I nominate Mister James McIntyre, Canada's - nay, the world's - foremost Poet of Cheese.

McIntyre, like Shakespeare and Dickens, sprang from humble stock. He emigrated to Canada from Scotland in 1841 and settled in southern Ontario. He became a furniture dealer in St. Catharines.

But the spark of creativity simmering within the McIntyre breast would not long be denied. Soon McIntyre was limning odes to the world around him - the rustic, dairy-farming countryside of

Oxford County, Ontario.

What sort of odes?

Herewith a representative stanza from his epic WHEN TO SELL GRAIN AND PRODUCE

*Remember too that of your wheat
The rats of it will fondly eat
Sell it and money then invest
And you can get good interest.*

Or consider his lyrical salute to wildlife in: WILD GOOSE SHOT AT MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER, 1888

*But when they flew o'er the river
Thames*

*They swooped down to take a dive,
But sport with shot gun at them
aims*

And one at least did not survive.

By now you will have surmised that Mister McIntyre was a bad poet.

No. Mister McIntyre was a BAD poet. A spectacularly, five-star, ne plus ultra, wretched writer of doggerel that was an affront to the trees cut down to make the paper he wrote it on. And yet he was published.

The editor of the Toronto Globe frequently ran McIntyre poems (for comic relief, it's suspected). Even a scribe at the New York Tribune confessed to being 'amused'. More incredibly, the people of Oxford County adored McIntyre and his musings. He was constantly asked to 'deliver a few

lines' on all manner of public occasions. And McIntyre, was only too happy to oblige - be it a wedding, a funeral, a store opening or...just cheese.

*To us it is a glorious theme
To sing of milk, of curds, and cream
Were it collected it could float
Upon its bosom small steam boat
Cows, numerous as a swarm of bees
Are milked in Oxford to make cheese.*
(from OXFORD CHEESE ODE)

McIntyre, 'though locally loved, never achieved the international renown he knew he deserved, despite poems written about his 'colleagues'.

*We have scarcely time to tell thee
Of the strange and gifted Shelley
Kind-hearted man, but ill-fated,
So youthful, drowned and cremated.*

When McIntyre went to his reward in 1906, he was remembered in verse by his daughter Kate, who wrote:

*His book he'd give you gratis
Filled with divine afflatus
And local news;
High on the wall of fame
He hath written out his name,
Inscribed his muse.*

Alas, daughter Kate faltered in the footprints of Canada's worst poet, and published no more verse.

Pity.

She coulda been a contender.

Minden Heritage Tour continues to gain support

Travel

A step back in time may be what this County needs for a brighter future. The Friends of Minden think so. Building on the success of the guided heritage tours offered by the County Town Museum, they are busy planning and developing the Minden Heritage Tour. Visitors will be able to explore the historical features of the area throughout the year. This project involves the creation of a Minden Hills Township Heritage Plaque to be placed on heritage buildings and sites; the production and distribution of a brochure that will allow visitors to discover heritage features on their own;

directional signage and signs to interpret the historical significance of a variety of sites, including the Gull River; and a web site.

Ontario Tourism identifies "heritage tours" as one of the top tourist draws in Ontario. Many travelers are looking for more than just a destination - they seek unique eco-tourism or heritage tourism experiences. The "heritage" tourist has a higher than average education and income, is more likely to shop, spends more money, and spends more time in an area. The Minden Heritage Tour is receiving support from The Haliburton County Development Corporation, Minden Business Association, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, The Municipality of Minden Hills, The Minden Mural Committee, Haliburton

Highlands Trails and Tours Network, The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group, Agnes Jamieson Gallery and Museum, The Times, Heart Connection, the Township Environmental Advisory Committee, and the Walking Club - truly, a community effort. This project is also being regarded as a starting point for the development of a County-wide heritage tour. If you are interested in helping with the Minden Heritage Tour, contact Linnea Baynton 705-286-3020 or info@wildswan.on.ca

SuperTrails

Not long ago, a few individuals in the County were working like crazy to meet the tight deadlines for SuperBuild funding. Municipalities and community organizations were invited to make submissions for the development of local sport, recreation, cultural and tourism facilities. When the Ontario Government recently announced the funding opportunity, a number of inspired folk sprang into action.

Phase one was the preparation of a Letter of Intent. While that sounds simple enough, there was much to be done, including the preparation of a project proposal, discussion and agreements with partners, estimates of projected costs, confirmed and anticipated funding sources, and supporting resolutions from the local municipalities. Whew!

Trails figure prominently in more than one submission from the Haliburton County area. Five additional trail information kiosks throughout the County, construction and repair of bridges, a master plan for the Rail Trail, a walking trail to enhance the Hawk Lake Log Chute project, and a master plan and initial development for a trail around Head Lake are all trail projects included in the SuperBuild submissions.

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is a partner in all of these projects. Thanks to all of the partners who supported these projects and Haliburton County and the Municipalities of Dysart

et al and Sherborne, Stanhope et al. Special thanks to those who worked hard and fast to get the submissions ready - Jim Blake, Rachel Gillooly, Carol Moffatt, Peter Rigby and Steve Berry.

Now we wait to hear if our Letters of Intent get approved. If they do, the real work begins - the preparation of a full proposal and business plan by the end of March. Our pencils are sharpened.

FUNDamentals

Trails and Tours Network has recently completed a resource development plan and will be launching a major campaign to generate funds for the long-term viability of the Network, trail development, marketing and trail organizations. If you would like to assist with this campaign or would like to contribute to the Trail Fund, please contact Rachel Gillooly at 705-286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit our web site www.trailsandtours.com

Lockhart, Skelding high scorers for Feb. 20

Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors' Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard League results for the week ending February 13:

High scores - Leroy Eager and Beverley Alexander 330; George Hamilton and Carrie McDonald 303; Helen Skelding and Laura Carnegie 266.

Low score - Belle Walker and Hazel Dorman 93.

Scores for February 20:

High scores - Betty Lockhart and Helen Skelding 299; Beverley Alexander and Syd Lockhart 286; Jim Budd and Marj Hamilton 282.

Low score - Bob Alexander and Shirley Alderton 137.

Seeing double when it comes to clone funds?

Having "double vision" when choosing investments for a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) may be a good thing. Especially when thinking about including "clone" funds in a retirement portfolio to increase foreign content.

Currently, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's (CCRA) foreign content rule states that an investor cannot hold more than the 25 per cent (increases to 30 per cent effective January 1, 2001) foreign property limit of the book value of an RRSP in non-Canadian investments. Clone funds however, allow investors to increase foreign content in their portfolio, while still remaining within the foreign property limits set out by CCRA.

Clone funds are a type of mutual fund that hold most of their assets in money market securities (such as Treasury Bills) and use derivatives to mimic the returns of an underlying (or existing) mutual fund.

Investors should look for ways to increase foreign exposure within their RRSPs as Canadian stocks represent less than three per cent of the world's investments.

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• Lowered Investment Volatility

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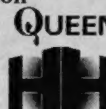
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Sports

Straw & Stone Bonspiel

Friday and Saturday,
March 2 and 3
at the Minden Curling Club

Atom B Monarchs 3-2 in round robin playoffs

by Brian Murray

The Atom B Monarchs are five games into their eight-game semi-final hockey playoffs. All of the games but one have been action filled, close scoring games. The record, as of Friday, stands at three wins and two losses.

The Monarchs played host to Beaverton on Saturday, February 10. The first period was dominated by Minden. The Monarchs scored three goals in the first five minutes of the game. Jake Findeis put the Monarchs on the scoreboard with the opening goal, assisted by Brittany Hicks and Steve Kerr. A couple of minutes later, Steve Kerr scored, with the assists going to Jared Mills and Adam Freeman. Forty seconds after that, Ryan Kerr beat the Beaverton goalie and the Monarchs were up by a 3-0 count. Mills and John Murray assisted.

Beaverton closed the gap to 3-2 with a pair of goals in the second frame. Near the end of the period, Roch Peterson put the Monarchs back in front by two. Assists went to Brittany Hicks and Daniel Walker.

The Minden defence kept Beaverton's forwards in check for most of the third frame and goalie Mike Toye made some key saves when they did sneak through. In the last minute, Beaverton scored. But the Monarchs held on for the 4-3 win.

The next day the Monarchs played host to the Fenelon Falls Flyers, in what proved to be another close game.

Both teams jockeyed for the advantage in the first period, but neither was able to solve the opposition's

goaltender.

Fenelon notched two in a row in the second period, but with two minutes left in the period, Steve Kerr put one past the Fenelon goalie, assisted by Jared Mills and Davis Reynolds. The middle frame ended with the Flyers in front by a 2-1 score.

The action heated up in the third, with each team scoring two goals.

After the Flyers stretched their lead to 3-1, Steve Kerr flipped in a rebound of a shot by John Murray, closing the gap to 3-2. Fenelon notched one more to regain a two-goal margin. Then, in the last minute, Jake Findeis netted one for the Monarchs, assisted by Kerr and Mitchell Hicks. Fenelon held on for the 4-3 win.

The next evening, the Monarchs went to Fenelon Falls for a rematch with the Flyers. The Fenelon team seemed intent on playing a more physical game, but the Monarchs weren't intimidated. They dominated all three periods, scoring a total of nine goals, with Fenelon managing just one reply.

Adam Freeman paced the Minden attack with a hat trick. Roch Peterson added two goals to the Minden tally and singles went to Jared Mills, Steve Kerr and Jake Findeis. Assists went to Ryan Kerr, Callie Cowan, Brittany Hicks, Daniel Walker, Mitch Hicks and Davis Reynolds.

Mike Toye played a strong game between the Minden pipes, stopping all but one Fenelon shot.

The Sunderland team came to Minden on Sunday, February 18 to tangle with the Monarchs.

Jared Mills opened the scoring with the only goal of the first period, from Daniel Walker and Roch Peterson.

The score remained at 1-0 for the Monarchs throughout the second frame and well into the third. With three minutes left, Callie Cowan beat the Sunderland goalie with a shot and the Monarchs had a 2-0 lead. Mills and Reynolds assisted.

Mike Toye earned the shut-out as the Monarchs kept the Sunderland team off the scoreboard.

The Monarchs went to Beaverton on Tuesday, February 20. The home team notched two unanswered goals in the first period.

The Monarchs, in spite of going unrewarded in the first period, kept up the pressure in the second. The period was less than a minute old when Steve Kerr scored, cutting Beaverton's lead in half. Daniel Walker and Jared Mills assisted.

Beaverton regained the two-goal lead, but just 20 seconds later, Kerr scored again, assisted by John Murray and Jake Findeis and Beaverton's lead was cut to 3-2 going into the third period.

The home team notched its fourth goal early in the third.

Down 4-2 with a minute left in the game, Mike Toye was pulled from the Minden goal in favour of an extra attacker. The last-ditch effort backfired even though the Monarchs kept Beaverton bottled up in its own end. Two long shots found the empty net and Beaverton recorded a 6-2 win.

The Monarchs were slated to play Sunderland Saturday and the last two games of the

round robin are against Haliburton. The Monarchs will entertain the Huskies this Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. and the rematch will be the following evening at 6 p.m. in Halibur-

ton. With the season winding down, local hockey fans have just a few opportunities left to get out and cheer on one of the last local teams still in the hunt for a championship.



HAVING A BLAST: Although the scores weren't favourable for the Minden entry in the Tim Hortons TimBits Elementary School Bonspiel, the Archie Stouffer Elementary School team made the best of the situation. ASES coach Rawn Lougheed said the boys learned from the competition and had a lot of fun in the process. Minden's team was one of 80 from across the province competing in this provincial championship bonspiel. Three members of the Minden rink seen above (l to r) are: Brad Brown, Edward Cyr and Jason Lougheed. The team also includes Jake Walker and Connor Duhaime.

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Canada



Don't miss the annual Straw and Stone Bonspiel

by Sandy Cole

The club certainly was busy this past weekend with the Junior Provincials going on, as well as the Fun Day on Sunday. With 80 junior teams in the Highlands over the weekend the local merchants had occasion to reap some benefits because of the local curling clubs hosting this event.

Businesses realize when they sponsor and advertize with local clubs that not only are they doing good for the organization but they open up the possibility of receiving more consumer traffic when events like this take place.

Our club thanks all the yearly sponsors and advertisers by continually hosting events and inviting our guests to visit our local merchants.

Coming up this Friday and Saturday is the annual Straw and Stone Bonspiel with guaranteed three games and pot luck dinner. Make sure your teams are signed up at the bar or call Dave McKay at 286-2175 or Joe LaRocca at 286-1954.

Playoffs for the second schedule will start the week of March 12. As always, spectators are welcome to come and enjoy our club and cheer on the players.

Our local Junior club will be wrapping up its season with the annual Junior Bonspiel, slated for March 25. This is the time when the younger curlers strut their stuff, so make sure all family and friends don't miss this time to see the kids shine.

Monday Night Ladies

Sandy Cole 7, Zelda Cooper 4
Melanie Vigrass 9, Irene Alexander 4
Cheryl Murdoch 8, Pat Woodcroft 6

Tuesday Night Mens

Dwight Thomas 10, Howard Scott 7
Bill Roodenburg 7, Ted Wilkes 6
Rob Eaton 10, Alf Trotter 2
Trevor Cole 8, Don Ballantyne 7

Thursday Night Mixed

Alf Trotter 8, Cheryl Murdoch 5
Rob Eaton 12, Warren Payne 4
Melanie Vigrass 9, Sandy Cole 2
Jack Taylor 8, Ross Davies 7
Ted Wilkes 5, Pat Woodcroft 3
Murray Cooper 7, Gail Grainger 7

Apply pine tar to those wooden skis with caution

A call from a distressed skier prompts me to remind skiers that wood skis are still a great way to get around. In hard spring conditions they have a really silky feel under the foot. Unfortunately, spring conditions also tend to remove the pine tar that gives the base that rich, dark appearance and that nice glide. White patches eventually appear at the tip and tail, and, before long, the glide is gone and you end up walking on your skis. Renewing your skis takes a bit of time, but it is a worthwhile project.

For starters you will want to thoroughly clean your bases of dirt and wax. This can be accomplished using a metal scraper or in cases where there is excessive wax and dirt, using a citrus-based solvent. If you use a solvent, be sure to dry your skis well, using a rag to wipe off any excess solvent and then allowing the skis to air dry for approximately 30 minutes.

With your bases clean you can now inspect them. To flatten the bases or take out minor gouges, I have found working with a metal scraper to be the most effective tool. For the scraper to be effective it must be very sharp.

With your bases flat and free of gouges you are now ready to pine tar your skis. Like base waxes for synthetic based skis, there is a number of different methods of applying pine tar to your ski's bases. So-called "cold tar" impregnates the base with pine tar with a solvent. It is easy, but it requires frequent touch-ups. Check your local sports store for cold tar if you have run out.

The method I like best may take a few extra minutes, but I feel the pine tar penetrates the bases better, offering more protection and lasting longer.

In a well-ventilated area, place one of your skis onto a ski form. Using a small paint brush, apply an even coat of pine tar to the entire base of the ski. (In the past, the next step requires using an open flame on your ski bases. I would suggest using a hot air gun in place of the torch.) Using a hot air gun (not a hair dryer) carefully heat the pine tar, working from the tip of the ski to the tail. The pine tar should bubble but the air gun should not be burning the wood or

drying out the pine tar. (This step can be also accomplished using a torch with a flare tip. All precautions concerning using an open flame in an enclosed area need to be observed. Extra care will need to be taken not to burn your ski's wood bases.) Should you burn your bases using either the torch or the hot air gun there is little that can be done to repair that section of your ski. Further, the burnt area will not accept pine tar and will be exposed to the elements.

After you have treated the pine tar and observed it bubbling into your base it is time to wipe off the excess. This is accomplished by gently reheating the base and wiping with a clean rag. It is important to wipe off all excess pine tar. I have found that by reheating a small section of the base and by wiping immediately I am able to remove almost all the excess pine tar in one pass. Be careful to keep the air gun moving and point it away from the base when wiping. (If you are using an open flame you have the added consideration of not burning the rag. Again, using an open flame, although effective, can be very dangerous if you are not experienced.)

The final step before putting on the base wax is to wipe off any excess pine tar that may not have come off in the last step. To accomplish this, take a clean section of your rag and wipe the base vigorously, while the base is still warm. When no more pine tar lifts into the rag you are ready to apply your glider wax.

The traditional method of applying a base or glide wax to your skis is still very effective. Using a colder kick wax (I like green) crayon a thin layer onto your bases from the tip to the tail. Cork the wax in (I like to use a synthetic cork as it generates more heat.) Repeat this step until the bases of your skis have a glass-like shine to them.

All that is left is to apply the kick wax of the day. How often you will need to reapply pine tar to the ski's bases will depend on how often you ski and how abrasive the conditions are. Usually once a season will be sufficient. Your skis are now ready to take you on many wonderful adventures.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

General Meeting
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FIRST OVERALL: Winners of the Ridgewood Ford Trophy were, left to right, skip Stewart Mitchell, second Earl Fagan, lead Bruce White and vice John Hunter of Bracebridge.



SECOND PLACE, FIRST DRAW: The Bobcaygeon team of lead Harold Code, second Fred Waterman, vice Norm Budgen and skip Ken Cameron (l to r) placed second in the first draw.



FIRST PLACE, SECOND DRAW: Lead Bob Tanaka, skip Roger Tetz, vice Peter Learmonth and second Raymond Inch of Port Hope (l to r) took first place in the second draw.



SECOND PLACE, SECOND DRAW: The second place team of the second draw included, left to right, skip Barry Goring, vice Jack Hurl, second Larry Baker and lead Gray Thompson from Orillia.

Bracebridge rink wins Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel

The annual Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel featured 16 teams of Senior men competing on February 20 at the Minden Curling Club. Representation came from as far north as Huntsville, south from Port Hope, west from Orillia and Bracebridge and east from Bancroft.

The event consisted of two draws, an excellent hot lunch and good curling fun for all team members. The competition was keen, with the team consisting of skip Stewart Mitchell, vice John Hunter, second Earl Fagan and lead Bruce White from the South Muskoka Curling Club in Bracebridge taking first in the 9 a.m. draw. Mitchell's team was also the overall winner, earning the Ridgewood Ford Trophy.

Second place in the 9 a.m. draw was captured by the team from Bobcaygeon, with Ken Cameron as skip, Norm Budgen as vice, Fred Waterman as second and Harold Code as lead.

The 11 a.m. draw was won by a team from Dalewood Golf and Curling Club in Port Hope. The team consisted of skip Roger Tetz, vice Peter Learmonth, second Raymond Inch and lead Bob Tanaka.

Second place in the second draw went to skip Barry Goring, vice Jack Hurl, second Larry Baker and lead Gray Thompson from Orillia.

Many thanks to Ridgewood Ford for the continued support of this bonspiel; to the Minden Seniors' Curling Club Ladies who made the day special and all who helped maintain our reputation as the best Senior Men's Bonspiel in the area.

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An Important Message To Our Customers

Today, I want to outline the changes you can expect as we integrate the retail operations of TD Bank and Canada Trust and what these changes mean for you.

Our Integration Continues

We have already integrated our discount brokerage operations and mutual fund arms, and the process of simplifying our chequing and savings account packages will be complete in March.

Also in March, the Estates & Trusts Services operations of our two organizations will become one, and in May, our Private Investment Counsel and Private Investment Management businesses will also be integrated.

But now, our integration is moving into high gear as we begin to merge all our products and services, our telephone and web banking services, and our branch network into the new *TD Canada Trust*. Some of these changes are already apparent. For example, our integrated phone banking centre will be renamed *EasyLine™* and our web banking renamed *EasyWeb™*. TD Bank customers will soon see *TD Canada Trust* on their statements. Meanwhile, Canada Trust customers will experience changes as their branches are integrated on a region by region basis across Canada.

Nationwide Integration Begins In March In Atlantic Canada

The first wave of this integration process will take place in Atlantic Canada on the weekend of **March 24th** when TD Bank and Canada Trust branches will begin to carry the new *TD Canada Trust* name.

Integration will continue on the weekend of **May 19th** in Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; and **June 23rd** in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec. Northwestern Ontario, including Thunder Bay, will also be completed on the weekend of **June 23rd**, and the remainder of Ontario on the weekend of **August 4th**.

New Name, New Look, Same Commitment To Service

By the Fall, we will have completed the integration to *TD Canada Trust* across the country. Following each regional integration, all our branches in that region will operate as *TD Canada Trust*. There will be a new look to the branches, both inside and out. Our ABMs will offer services under the name *Green Machine®*. And a single line of retail banking products will be available for all our customers – from Bonavista to Vancouver Island.

What will not change is our service inside the branches and our commitment to building a better bank for you.

If you are travelling within Canada to other regions that are already converted, rest assured that you will be able to bank at any of the new *TD Canada Trust* branches.

Some Branches Will Be Consolidated

Many people have asked if we will be consolidating our branches or re-locating them. Yes, this will begin as early as the month after integration in each region, and retail bank customers who are affected will be given at least 120 days notification. We are working hard to minimize the impact on our customers and our employees. Far from shrinking our retail network, we remain committed to opening new locations. This year, we will open 14 new stand-alone branches plus 40 new branches in other retail outlets across the country.

Our Most Important Job Is To Communicate With You

For now, it is business as usual. We will notify you personally, in writing, and well in advance of changes to your accounts or your branch. **If you are travelling outside Canada during the next few months, it will be important to have your mail forwarded so you can receive any notices from us and ensure your service is uninterrupted.** We will also keep you informed about our progress with regular reports on the web, in our branches, and through updates such as this in Canada's newspapers.

An Encouraging Start

Since our integration was announced over a year ago, our employee morale has remained high and our customer satisfaction has increased. This speaks to our promise of building a better bank.

Ours is a merger of businesses. But more important, we are merging groups of people – thousands of us, and millions of you. Our branch and telephone banking employees are receiving up to 60 hours of special training in order to make the transition as worry-free as possible for you. They will do their utmost to assist you as our integration progresses over the next several months.

Bringing together our organizations is anything but simple. We will make mistakes. But we will move to correct any errors quickly, completely – and cheerfully. If you have any questions, or if you feel we are not meeting your expectations, I urge you to call our *TD Canada Trust* Customer Information Line at 1-888-572-8924.

Let me close by saying how much we appreciate that you've chosen to do business with TD Bank and Canada Trust – and how hard the new *TD Canada Trust* will be working to deserve your ongoing loyalty by offering you the most comfortable banking experience in Canada.

Thank you.



Ed Clark
TD Canada Trust



Fighting for the county's smallest school

(from page 4)

run a program all the way from Junior Kindergarten to Grade Six, you want to make sure you have the staff to operate those program."

If the school should close, Cutler said he would do his utmost to ensure the transfer from Dorset to Irwin would be as smooth for the children as possible.

Proof of quality

Parent representative on the Dorset School Review Committee, Sandy MacKay, says Trillium Lakelands School Board has repeatedly raised concern for the quality of education at Dorset Elementary - concerns he shares, but knows first-hand are not being painted realistically by the school board to the



media. This is the third time in 30 years that Dorset school has faced closure. Mackay says the Board knows how to play the game really well. "They have been basically hacking away at us for years," he says. "It doesn't take much to nudge it - to help make their own case."

"I look back at a quote from Cheryl Murdoch even 16 years ago when they wanted to close the school. They were saying the same things back then," he explains. "But we went through ministry documentation and got information on every school within the board regarding averages in the new evaluation of reading, writing and mathematics. We compared the provincial averages and our school's averages. We had blown them out of the water."

MacKay said that within the two years of consistent data compiled by the province in the study, there is an obvious discrepancy that is not getting out. "So that old argument of 'you can't do it' doesn't hold any water," he says. MacKay told *The Times* the issue

of school closure seems to revolve around the simple fact that it is easier for the board to run fewer schools. "You do have a sense that the fix is in - but that's no reason for us not to keep trying," he adds. "Especially after we have put this amount of effort into it. Rather than rolling over, we started looking at sensible ways of dealing with the problem."

What they have found seems to make Dorset's school viable. In Grade Three reading assessment results for the year 2000 for instance, students at Dorset elementary are shown to be at 50%, while provincial averages were at 49%. In writing, the school's assessment was 62% - the provincial average was 52%. Grade six reading assessment results for the year 2000 show that Dorset Elementary was at 78% - the provincial average was 51%. Likewise, Dorset was ahead of the pack in writing last year - at 89% while the provincial average was at 48%. Mathematics assessments at Dorset during 2000 were at 89% and the province is listed at 52%.

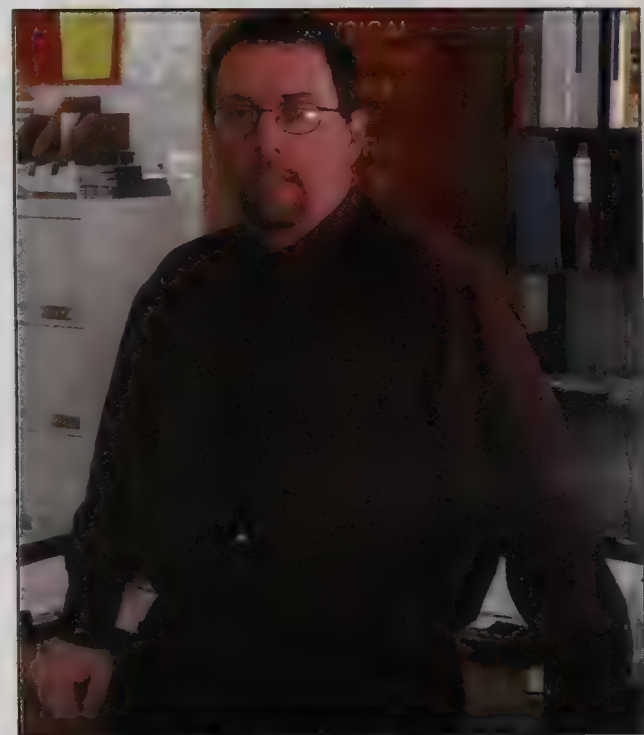
Mackay said that Trillium Superintendent Paul Dorion admitted the findings needed further examination at the last review committee meeting - but what was told to the media was an entirely different message. "Doris Monahan, a trustee, was interviewed by CKVR television earlier that day saying the children were not getting a good enough education. Then at the meeting this information came out - but her interview played on the news later that night at eleven."

Mackay says it will be awfully hard to pound the bias out of a sixty year old woman. "Things are stacked against us pretty severely," he says. "There are nine voting school trustees. Three are from Muskoka and one is from Haliburton. The remainder are from Victoria County. People down in Victoria County have no idea what kind of an issue this is for people up here - we are already in a weak position. We are going to get weaker if we can't keep our school."

Mackay says Trillium Lakelands should pay attention to its own opening statement in its school closure policy which talks about having concern for students in the community. "They shouldn't have that in there if they are not going to do it," he says.

Also, he reports there has never been a catchment area established specifically for Dorset Elementary

School. Trillium Lakelands School Board is waiting to see which of these schools they are going to close before they add one to their transportation policy, thinks Mackay. "If we had a decent catchment area



we would exceed our minimum number of students and therefore keep our school," he adds. "We want it to be established."

That the students are getting a proper education and are in fact excelling by any measurements the government has to offer, will be an issue the Review committee must take into consideration. Members would like the board to acknowledge this fact. "The school board cannot act autonomously without concern for the community and its students," points out Mackay. "If we lose the school in addition to the loss of most of the municipal function in the area - then we are really in a tailspin, I think."

It is not in Mackay's nature to want to embarrass Trillium Lakelands, he says, he simply wants to correct their course of action.



ABOVE: Principal Kevin Cutler is concerned about the best for his students at Dorset Elementary School.

LEFT: Students in one of the Dorset School classrooms.

RIGHT: The students of Dorset Elementary in front of the school, currently being considered for closure.

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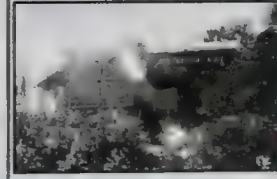
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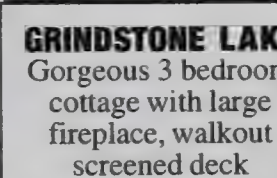


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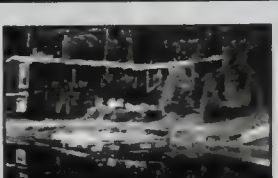
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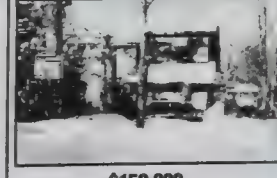


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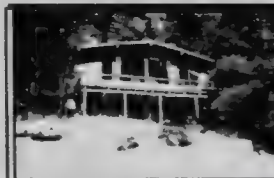


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High single (handicap): John Pugh 239; Jean Pugh 305
High triple: Ken Thompson 659; Jean Pugh 568
High triple (handicap): Robert McIvor 722; Kathleen Paudash 757

Tuesday Afternoon League (February 20)

High average: Ken Thompson 209; Jean Pugh 179
High single: Ken Thompson 260; Jean Pugh 213
High single (handicap): Ken Thompson 274; Betty Hicks 276
High triple: Ken Thompson 700; Jean Pugh 590
High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 742; Betty Hicks 782

Wednesday Afternoon League (February 14)

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 192
High single: Vern Stout 256; Bonnie Bottomley 264
High single (handicap): Vern Stout 315; Bonnie Bottomley 329
High triple: Ken Thompson 596; Marie Thompson 691
High triple (handicap): Vern Stout 723; Marie Thompson 775

Wednesday Afternoon League (February 21)

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 191
High single: Avar Edwards 257; Marie Thompson 196
High single (handicap): Avar Edwards 305; Eleanor Bunker 246
High triple: Avar Edwards 773; Marie Thompson 538
High triple (handicap): Avar Edwards 827; Betty Lockhart 703

Thursday Afternoon League (February 15)

High average: Ken Thompson 240; Shirley Webb 200
High single: Ken Thompson 264; Shirley Webb 232
High single (handicap): Bob Webb 274; Helen Windsor 253
High triple: Ken Thompson 722; Shirley Webb 602
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Thursday Afternoon League (February 22)

High average: Ken Thompson 211; Shirley Webb 214
High single: Bob Webb 283; Shirley Webb 260
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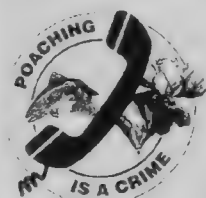
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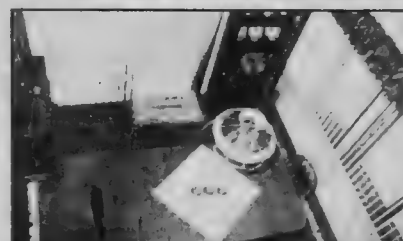
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Legion 636 Mixed League (January 29)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 178; Maxine Cross 169

High single: Jim Hindle 199; Pat Roussel 204

High single (handicap): Don Liddiard 245; Pat Roussel 269

High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 539; Leitha Stearns 532

High triple (handicap): Jim Hindle 665; Leitha Stearns 712

Monday Night Mixed League (February 5)

High average: Scott Moore 244; Michelle Moore 187

High single: Walt Stegmaier 286; Linda Graham 216

High single (POA): Ed Graham +94; Lisa Besner +68

High triple: Doug Schell 798; Michelle Moore 595

High triple (POA): Doug Schell +222; Lisa Besner +82

Tuesday Seniors' Match Play (January 30)

High average: Ron Earle 177; Theresa Fox 167

High single: Neville Whiteside 195; Theresa Fox 257

High single (handicap): Ed Fox 234; Theresa Fox 304

High triple: Neville Whiteside 490; Theresa Fox 565

High triple (handicap): Neville Whiteside 616; Theresa Fox 706

Tuesday Night Mixed League (February 6)

High average: Len Punt Jr. 237; Cathy Snell 228

High single: Gord McAllister 368; Rawn Lougheed 270

High single (handicap): Walter Franke 254; Judy Cole 332

High triple: Gord McAllister 840; Rawn Lougheed 675

High triple (handicap): Walter Franke 680; Judy Cole 767

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League (January 25)

High average: Ed Braithwaite 203; Grace Chapman 181

High single: Jesse Barlow 262; Jean Stead 231

High single (handicap): Jesse Barlow 305; Jean Stead 288

High triple: Ed Braithwaite/Jesse Barlow 600; Edith Alzner 568

High triple (handicap): Jesse Barlow 729; Edith Alzner 718

Thursday Night Mixed League (January 18)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 222; Joan Rivard 183

High single: Walt Stegmaier 263; Joan McKay 256

High single (handicap): Ed McKurdy 284; Joan McKay 294

High triple: Walt Stegmaier 676; Joan McKay 586

High triple (handicap): Joe Cox 766; Joan McKay 699

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High average: Robert Cox 116; Tori Brown 126

High single: Eric Whitty 132; Brooke Hamilton 155

High triple: Kurran Devolin 316; Tori Brown 459

Junior

High average: Jeff Mickle 156; Lesley Cox 156

High single: Justin McKelvey 219; Corinne Hogg 133

High single (handicap): Justin McKelvey 261; Alyssa Crowe 200

High triple: Jake Walker 497; Alyssa Crowe 337

High triple (handicap): Justin McKelvey 617; Alyssa Crowe 577

Senior

High average: Joe Cox 193; Kelly Berry 180

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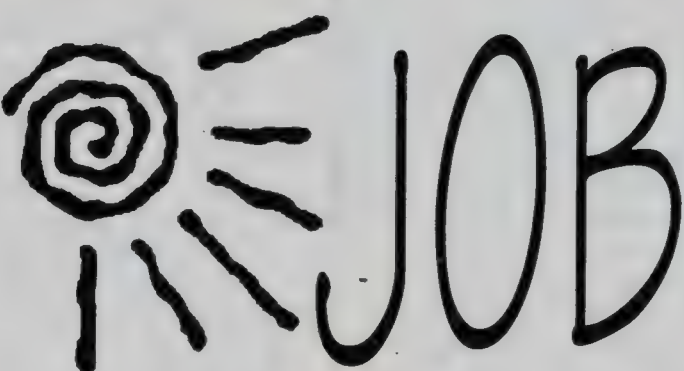
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Minden W.I. February meeting

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The President, Jean Cox, welcomed the members, then read a letter from a magazine about the Queen, who is an active member of the West Newton Branch in England. The Queen Mother is the President.

The roll call was answered by 14 members, each one telling about a new trend or policy in agriculture. The Women's Institute purchased the book, "From This Place". It is a collection of stories, the result of an International Year of Older Persons project known as the Grandmother's League, initiated by the Feder-

ated Women's Institutes of Ontario. This book will be donated to the library and will include an inscription from the Women's Institute.

Card Convener Irene Moore reported sending out 19 cards.

The convener of agriculture, Shirley Cox, gave a paper on sheep farming. This was a 'hands on' report since she and her husband Ron have 90 sheep and 70 new lambs. There is a lot of work involved, helping mothers at birthing, needling the new lambs, bottle feeding one of many triplets and putting coats on them because of the cold. These lambs will be ready

for market at Easter. Now farmers have to have a licence to give medication to their animals. Beef cattle have to be tagged, so if one is sold in an auction, it can be traced to the owner, if it becomes sick. She was given a round of applause for a very interesting paper.

The winners of the two draws were Bea Berry and Mabel Deacon.

The meeting adjourned. Tea and lunch was served by Beryl Henderson and Shirley Cox. The next meeting at the same place will be March 21 with all ladies welcome.

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Deer feeding program has begun

The following summary was prepared by Mike Grinnell, secretary of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. The information was gathered from a number of Ministry of Natural Resources sources.

Deer in Ontario are located along the northern fringe of their continental range and to survive winter, they have developed a variety of adaptations. One of these adaptations that helps deer conserve energy includes migrating to wintering areas, known as yards. These yards are forested areas that have a significant area of coniferous trees and nearby stands of deciduous trees and shrubs.

Conifers such as hemlock, cedar, pine and spruce catch snow on their branches and reduce the depth of snow on the ground beneath. This makes it easier for deer to move and saves valuable energy. In addition, conifers provide shelter by reducing winds and moderating the temperature.

In winter, deer eat twigs of deciduous trees and shrubs. White cedar is also a preferred winter food. It is important that these natural foods are found close to areas that they use as shelter, so that deer can conserve energy. In addition, deer make trails that they follow to help reduce the amount of energy they expend in moving from feeding areas to areas of cover.

Even when natural foods like cedar and deciduous twigs are abundant, deer will lose weight over the winter. This is normal. Deer can lose up to 25% of their body weight over the winter and still survive. The survival of deer in winter becomes an energy

challenge similar to us trying to make it through winter with the oil we have in the tank for our furnace. It becomes important that we fill up before winter, and deer do this by accumulating body fat (energy).

We can lessen our energy demands by turning down the thermostat. Deer conserve energy by standing under conifers and making trails and lowering their metabolic rate. The rate at which we use up furnace oil is also dependent on how cold it is outside. The colder it gets, the more energy it takes to keep our house warm. The same is true for deer, and in cold weather it takes more energy to keep up their body temperature.

The length of winter or the number of days we need to have the furnace on also becomes important. In winters that start early and end late, deer are more likely to run out of energy.

This is why the end of winter is hardest on deer. Energy supplies may be running extremely low and natural foods that slow weight loss may already be eaten. Although the snow may even be almost gone, no new green spring foods have yet appeared for deer to eat. It is at this time that deer are most likely to die of starvation.

Feeding considerations

Emergency feeding provides artificial feed to deer during severe winter conditions, because natural food is not present or is in areas that deer can't reach. Emergencies generally occur only at the end of an exceptionally long, severe winter. Emergency feeding is only done when deer would otherwise not

likely make it through the winter.

Supplementary feeding is much different than emergency feeding. It provides artificial food to deer during the winter to supplement natural foods, before severe winter conditions exist. There are a number of disadvantages to supplementary feeding. Supplementary feeding may encourage deer numbers to increase beyond levels that the habitat can naturally support. This can lead to over-population where natural foods are overbrowsed and killed, reducing the ability of the habitat to support deer in the future.

Supplementary feeding may concentrate deer close to highways, increasing the risk of deer being hit by vehicles. When deer are concentrated around feeders they may experience stress due to overcrowding and fighting. Because deer are concentrated they

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At this class you get to eat your homework

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Every Thursday evening a bunch of food lovers gather in the kitchen of the United Church in Haliburton to cook up a feast.

Marita Ragheb, one of 14 senior high school students in the program says "Basically we cook and we eat - and boy do we eat!" Jess Swan agreed. "By the time we leave the church sometimes we have eaten so much I feel like I am going to explode!"

The Program was established by Family Services of Haliburton County to help ease the transition students must make when they start living on their own. Greg Shantz program facilitator, said, "This transition can be tough. This was a place to learn some skills to make it a bit less scary."

"At first we played some games to help everyone get to know each other and then we just

moved to cooking." Some meals were very exotic: sweet potato soup, cornmeal currant scones, seafood tortellini, and vegetarian chili to name just a few. On the last evening of the program we had Sicilian seafood soup (renamed squid stew by the group). When the dish was brought to the table, Michelle Russell said, "Laura, I will only try it if you do..." After a few tastes, Laura Kennedy responded "Hey, it is not as bad as I thought it would be."

More traditional items were on the menu as well. Denise Russell says "I think that the Lasagne night was the best."

"One evening, the group did not decide on the menu for the next week so Greg chose "peanuts" as a theme," says

Marita. "So we had Indonesian peanut sauce over noodles, a Thai peanut dip, for veggies, and some peanut butter dessert. It was really good, but I could not eat peanuts for weeks afterwards," said Greg. "Learning to put together a menu was part of this program, and we had one for the next week!"

Guest speakers joined the meals at times. Dietician Rosie Kadwell came and ate with the group one evening. "She showed us how much salt is in food products that we eat each day," says Laura. "It was a real eye opener."

"We had great support for this program," says Greg. "The United church donated the kitchen, and the Heart Connection provided the funds for the cooking equipment

and groceries. They were a great support," he says.

Now that the program is over for this year, Denise says, "Before this course, all I could cook was Kraft dinner. Now, I am a cooking genius."

Marita adds, "Seeing it all end is sad, but I know that next year when I am gone from home I will be more prepared." John says, "Yeah. Now when I cook something I can enjoy it because it is good, not just because I made it myself!"



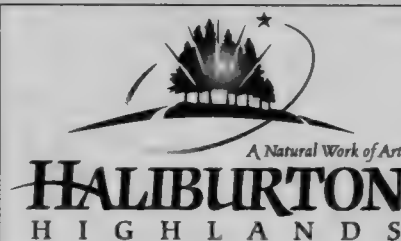
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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has identified a number of specific projects and programs that are required to promote tourism in the County. The Chamber requests submission from interested individuals and organizations on the following:

Training Services RFP

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites proposals for the development and delivery of a series of seminars and workshops for tourism suppliers. Seminars and workshops will relate to, but not limited to Internet Marketing, Media Relations, Packaging, and Event/Festival Planning.

Promotional Brochures RFP

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites proposals for the development and production of a series of promotional brochures and other related materials that will be used in the promotion of Haliburton County.

Festivals and Events RFP

It has been identified in the County Marketing Plan that the development or enhancement of tourism related products would increase tourism visitation. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites proposals for the development and/or enhancement of tourism specific products that include, but are not limited to:

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Living through this winter is stretching our patience!! So much snow. So much cold. It feels hopeful that now it is the end of February and hopefully the end of this season. We have endured!! Of course, there is always someone worse off than us, and those are surely the Maritimers, especially those living in Newfoundland. What a winter they have experienced. Storm after storm sweeping over them. It is not easy living in this country in the winter. But it is home.

Thinking of the concept of 'home' here are two quotes which struck me in my recent reading. From Sharon Butala in "Wild Stone Heart", quoting Gary Snyder, an American writer and poet: "...I heard a Crow elder say, 'You know, I think if people stay somewhere long enough—even white people—the spirits will begin to speak to them. It's the power of the spirits coming up from the land. The spirits and the old powers aren't lost, they just need people to be around long enough and the spirits will begin to influence them.'" Sharon Butala goes on to write, "To understand the profound meaning of land-- to walk on it with the respect, born of real understanding, of the traditional Amerindiann, to see it as sacred--is to be terrified, shattered, humbled, and, in the end, joyous. It is to come home at last."

Our sense of home no matter how difficult it is at times. Like winter!!

Another reminder that tomorrow, Tuesday, February 27, is the Annual Pancake Supper at St. Paul's Church from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults are \$5; children 12 and under are \$2.50; and preschoolers are free. Everyone is welcome.

The Minden and District Horticulture Society invites everyone to the Tuesday, March 6 meeting at the Minden Community Centre at 7:15 p.m. "Wake up Sleeping Beauties" will be the topic of the evening, presented by Campell's Garden Centre. The talk will be about starting up your geraniums, dahlias, etc.. This will also be the

"Think Green" luncheon month, so you could make St. Patty proud by bringing along a green treat!!

Mary Colman (of the singing birthday card fame) phoned with an item for the column. Instead of being upset with all the Ladybugs in her house, she has found they love to eat flies!! All those flies which appear in the windows on a bright sunny day are favourite food for them. She wanted to pass this information on!!

The Kinmount Seniors are putting on a 'Trip To Rama' on Thursday, March 8. Tickets are \$5. Anyone over 18 is welcome. If you are interested please call 488-2728.

The next time we meet it will be March. Heading into spring. Oh, so welcome!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, February 15: Euchre at the Minden Legion. Most lone hands went to Pat Roussel and Norm Lee. High scores were won by Flo Roussel and Milton Fletcher. Helen Skelding and Ed Hisson were the lows. Bill D., Pat Bailey and Tom (?) won the other prizes.

Friday, February 16: Duplicate Bridge at Echo Hills: In first with 65% were Jacqui and Kelly Metcalf. In second with 57% were Ev Morgan and Maria Lehoczy. In third with 52% were Norma Crewson and Vic Matthews.

Saturday, February 17: Bid Euchre at Staunworth Court: In first place was Marcel Roussel followed by Idella Gault in second. Milton Fletcher, Norm Lee and Margaret Fletcher found hidden scores. Georgina Deeks, Marcel Roussel, Milton Fletcher and Pat Scadden each won a moonshot.

Monday, February 19: Euchre with the Friendship Club played at St. Paul's: Bill Van Dyke won lone hands. Iris Taylor was high woman and Norm

Lee was high man. Joyce Ritchie was low. There were two very special awards given that day, the "Black and White" ones, to Ed Hisson and Joyce Ritchie!!

Cribbage at the Minden Legion: Joe Rivers was first and Esther Lee was second. Lois Adamson and Joe Rivers won the draws

Euchre at Club 35: Milton Fletcher won the 50/50 draw. Stan Dutka won lone hands. Jean Dutka was high woman and Alf Whyman was high man. Lows scores went to Olive Daniels and Garth Windsor. Stan Dutka took off with the baloney.

Tuesday, February 20: The lowest scores ever were recorded at Stanhope Bridge!! No slams were bid or made which didn't help the situation. In first with 4470 was Ross Fletcher; in second Edith Burch, with 3940; third, Muriel McIntosh with 3800; and fourth, Diane Boll, with 3400. Edith Burch won the magic number. There was also a special award granted that afternoon, the S.O.T.J. Award (Sleeping On The Job) going to Dorothy Strype!!

Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion: The winners were Marcel Roussel, Jack Chilton, Isabel Cherwenka and Pat Scadden. Marie Dennie, Iris Taylor and Milton Fletcher found hidden scores.

Don Burch and Pat Roussel won a moonshot.

Euchre at Gelert: Emily Harvie and Isabel Saunders were the high and low women. Bob Vick and Orval Francis were the same for the men. Don Hicks won lone hands and Audrey Vick won the 50/50 draw.

Duplicate Bridge at Parklane: Top pairs in North/South were, in first with 63%, Nick Lehoczy and Jacqui Metcalf. In second, with 55%, were Ross Fletcher and Muriel McIntosh. Top pairs in East/West were, in first with 64%, Kelly Metcalf and Bill Sandford. In second, with 54%, were Glen and Rita Lockhart.

Euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Sally Taylor and Vivian Anderson were high and low for the women. Truman O'Neil and Gerald Silver did the same for the men. Truman O'Neil won lone hands and Joanne Freeman won the 50/50 draw.

Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Pat Scadden, Bill Milford and Len Kroes won moonshots. The winners were: Ken Wallace, 256; Marj Hamilton, 260; Stan Hill, 264; Bill Milford, 270; and Len Kroes, 273.

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The families of the late **Lola
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A special thank you to the staff
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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

The February 27th Regular Meeting of the
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been changed to **March 6th, 2001 at 7:00
p.m. in the Council Chambers, Buckhorn.**

The next regular meeting will be held on
March 13th, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., Council
Chambers, Buckhorn and every 2 weeks
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Gaye, Al, Emma and Jim.

AT REST

McKAY
G. Raymond

Suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, in his 57th year. Dear father of Wendy and her husband Brian of Orchard Park, N.Y., Tracy and Donna Lee of Owen Sound, Shawn and Shawna of Port Carling. Beloved son of Anne and the late Max McKay, dear brother of Laurie Tulk of Maple Lake, predeceased by Ken, fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, February 23rd, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



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AT REST

SCOTT,
Raymond "Scotty"
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Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, February 18, 2001 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Bernice (Bunny) Craey of 54 years. Predeceased by his parents David (Ernie) and Ethel Scott. Lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews and his extended family. Scotty was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton for over 48 years and a member of the Haliburton Curling Club for over 42 years. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, 2001 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday morning, February 22, 2001 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

FOOTE,
Marnie E.

Passed away suddenly at her home on Thursday, February 8, 2001. In her 77th year. Beloved wife of the late William (Bill) Foote. Dear Mom of Keith of Bobcaygeon. A Family Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2001 in the Chapel of the Gordon A. Monk Family Funeral Home, Bobcaygeon. Cremation followed.

AT REST

WEBER,
Jan

(Retired Employee of Brights
Wines, Niagara Falls.)

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